

Prospect Island, Solano County, CA
ACT Meeting, November 13, 2007

Current Status: In October 2007, the Bureau of Reclamation initiated levee repairs at Prospect Island. Two levee breaks on the Federal property have been closed, and unwatering of the property and other repairs are under way. Reclamation expects to complete the repairs by mid-December 2007.

This work is necessary to reduce Reclamation's liability by eliminating a boating hazard at the Miner Slough levee break and restoring property damage. The levee breaks occurred in January 2006, and in February 2007 Reclamation learned that several boats had flipped and sunk at the Miner Slough break. Two of these incidents involved rescue by the Solano County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Coast Guard. The levee break also resulted in significant erosion damage to private property. Unwatering of the land and other repairs are needed to protect the levees and to restore access.

Reclamation was not intended to hold Prospect Island long term. Reclamation does not have a project need for this land and plans to transfer or dispose of it this winter. We will follow Reclamation and Federal requirements and first offer the land to other U.S. Department of the Interior bureaus. If no Interior bureau wants the land, Reclamation will refer it to the Federal General Services Administration for disposal. GSA will make the property available to other Federal agencies, State or local government, eligible nonprofit organizations, and the general public. DWR, the Port of Sacramento, and several groups and individuals have expressed an interest to acquire the land through the GSA process. Reclamation will work with any agency and GSA to facilitate transfer or sale of the land for restoration. For more information on the disposal process: www.propertydisposal.gsa.gov.

Background: In 1994 the Corps of Engineers initiated studies to build an environmental restoration project at Prospect Island under its "Section 1135" program. DWR was the Corps' non-Federal project sponsor, which required a non-Federal cost-share commitment. Several agencies cooperated in the studies with the Corps and DWR from 1994 to 2002. CALFED identified Prospect Island as a desired location for habitat restoration, and CALFED Category III and other non-Federal funds were to provide the DWR cost share. Congress directed Reclamation to buy Prospect Island for development of the Corps project; Reclamation purchased the land in 1994, for \$2.8 million. The overall plan was for (1) the Corps to build a restoration project with DWR as its cost-share partner, (2) Reclamation to hold the land through project construction and a 3-year monitoring period, (3) Reclamation to transfer the land to the FWS to manage as part of the proposed North Delta National Wildlife Refuge, and (4) DWR to fund project O&M through a CALFED Category III endowment fund.

Studies and planning for the restoration project extended through summer 2002. In August 2002 the Corps was ready to issue a project construction contract, subject to DWR's assurance to complete its cost share. DWR requested the additional assurance from CALFED, but CALFED decided in September 2002 not to provide it. Thus, the Corps project was terminated.

Without a project planned for Prospect Island, Reclamation started the property disposal process in 2003. CALFED asked Reclamation to defer disposal, pending a possible replacement project. Ultimately, however, neither CALFED nor any agency has advanced a replacement project nor stepped forward to participate with Reclamation to manage the land or cost share in O&M and levee repairs.

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Reclamation Initiates Levee Repairs at Prospect Island

The Bureau of Reclamation began levee repair work at Prospect Island on October 4, 2007. A contract was awarded to DD-M Crane and Rigging of Alameda, California, to construct the repairs, which will include closing two levee breaks on Federal property, repairing about 600 feet of side-slope damage on one of the levees, unwatering the Federal property, and repairing bank erosion damage to private property adjacent to one of the breaks. The work is expected to take about 2-1/2 months to complete, and access to the Federal property will remain closed during this time.

The repairs will eliminate a boating hazard, restore property damaged in the January 2006 levee breaks, protect the Miner Slough levee, and restore access to property.

Prospect Island is located in Solano County in the northern portion of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The island is adjacent to the Sacramento Deep Water Ship Channel and Miner Slough, approximately 8 miles northeast of Rio Vista and 16 miles southwest of West Sacramento. The 1,253-acre parcel owned by Reclamation is bounded to the north by an east-west levee from Arrowhead Harbor to the ship channel levee, the east by Miner Slough, the south by land owned by the Port of Sacramento, and the west by the Deep Water Ship Channel levee.

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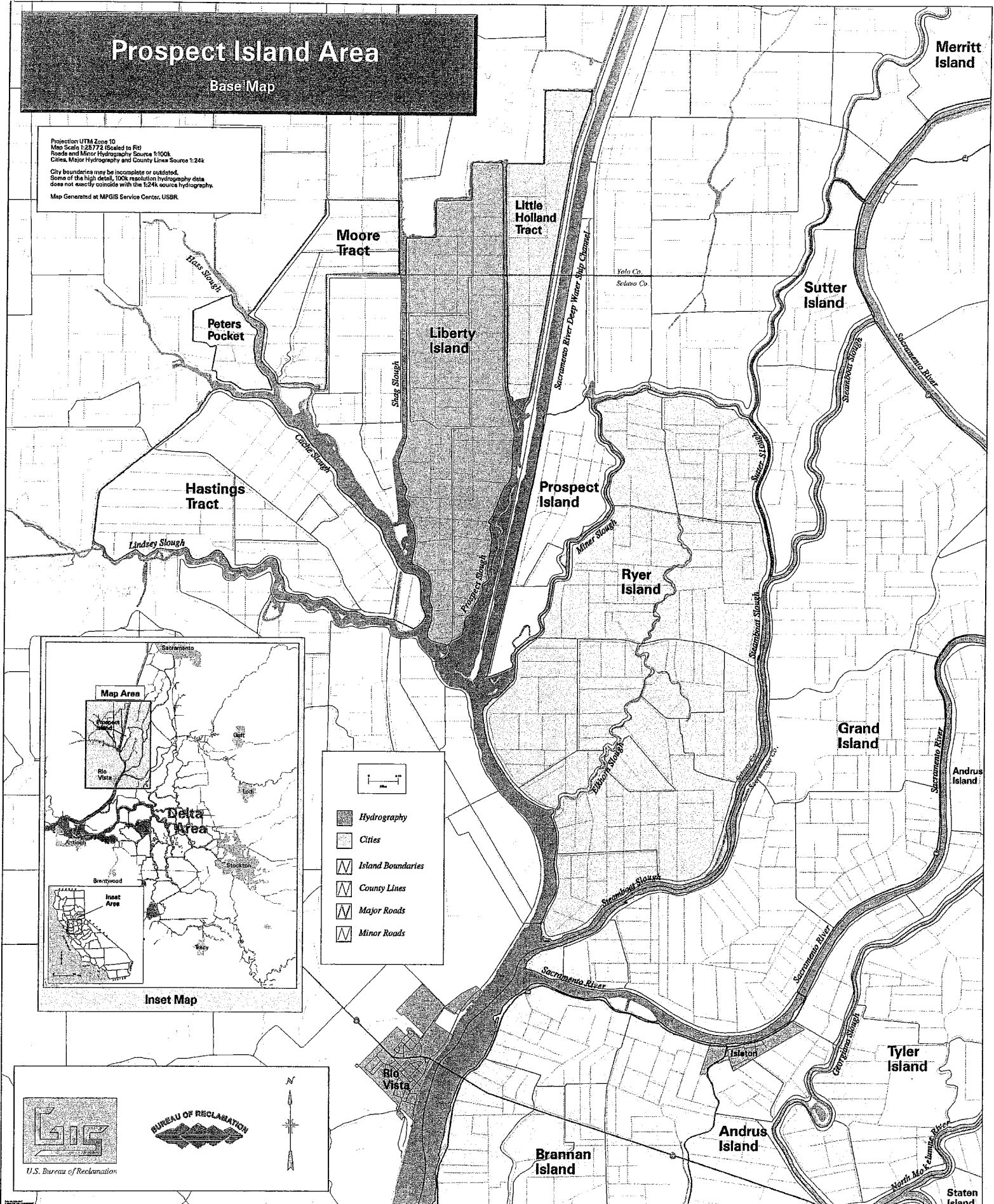
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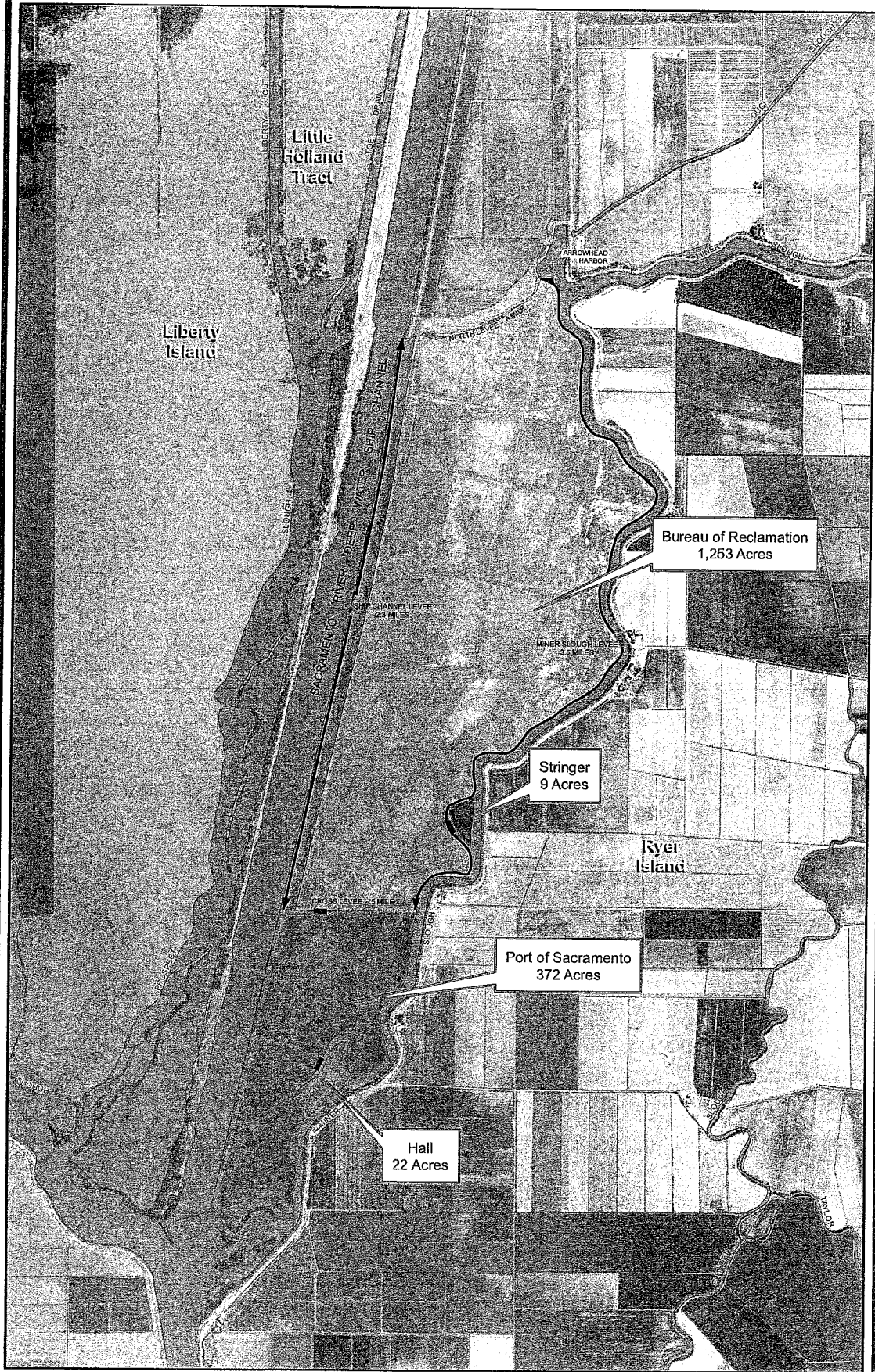
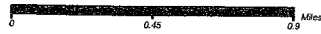
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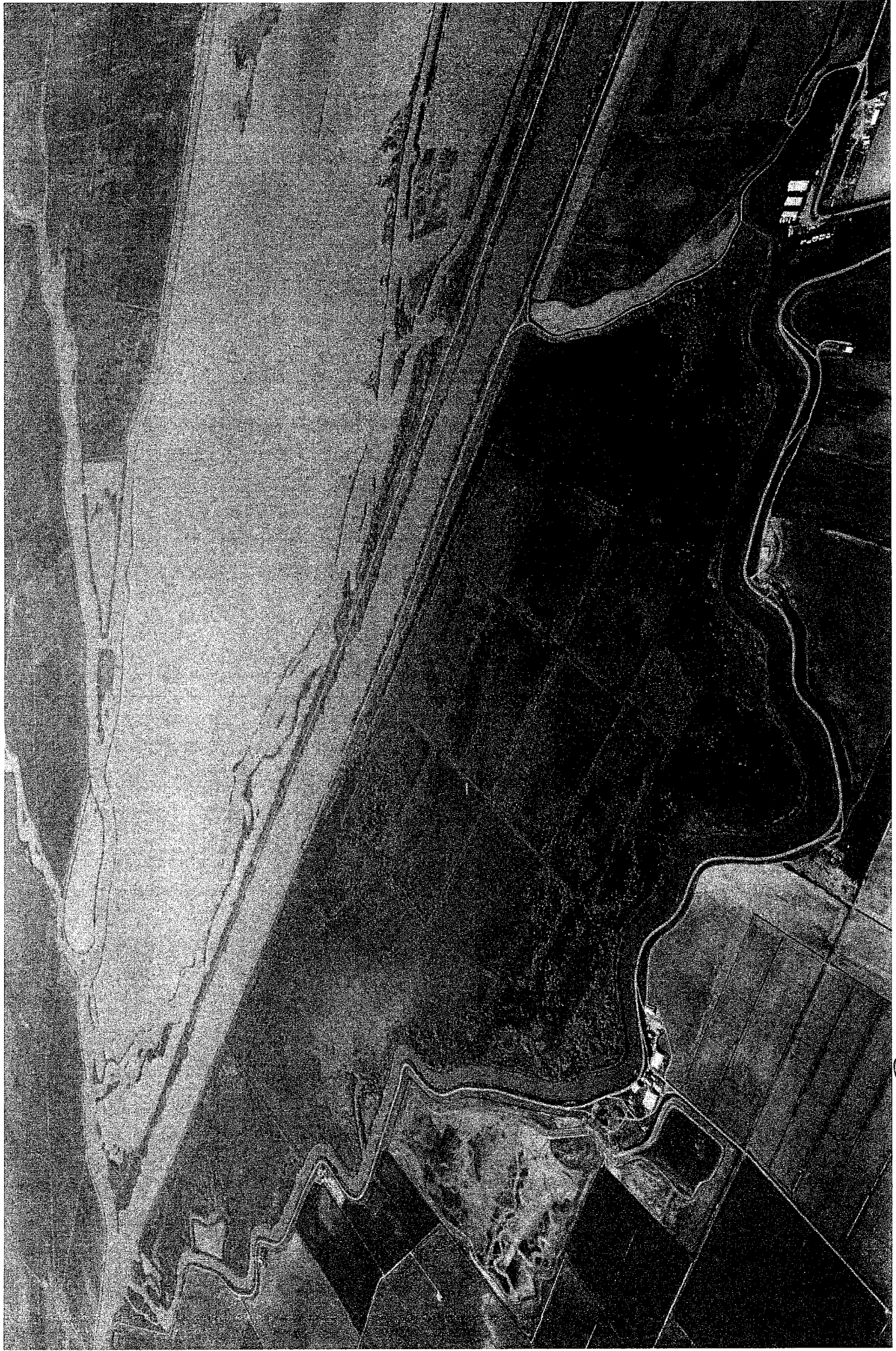
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